

Two additional bridge crossings over the Des Plaines River are provided at IL Route 7 and 135th Street. These bridges primarily serve east-west travel, but do provide indirect access within the Project Corridor for north-south travel. IL Route 53 provides a continuous north-south route, but is located on the western fringe of the Project Corridor west of the Des Plaines River. This route is not readily accessible to the majority of the Project Corridor. The river acts as a barrier and the limited number of bridge crossings reduces Project Corridor access to this route. Refer to [1996 FEIS, Section 2.2.1](#) for further detail regarding the existing roadway network.

Proposed Roadway Facilities

Traffic projections prepared for this supplemental document anticipated implementation of a group of baseline roadway improvement projects anticipated to be constructed regardless of the I-355 South Extension. Baseline roadway improvements consisted of roadway improvements not assumed to be built in the 2020 RTP but anticipated by IDOT and Will County officials to be constructed by year 2020. Exhibit 2-4, Chapter 2 maps the Baseline Roadway Improvements.

2.2.2 Other Transportation Facilities

Other planned public transit facilities within the Project Corridor include bus routes, commuter rail, Amtrak passenger rail, freight rail and the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. Table 2-1, lists these facilities by type.

Planned public transit facilities were identified in operating agency plans, the 2020 RTP, or currently under construction. Exhibit 2-5 locates these facilities. Planned facilities not located on Exhibit 2-5 include Park and Ride locations and express bus service along the I-355 South Extension. Pace, the suburban bus operating authority, has expressed intent to provide these facilities and service in the event of completion of the I-355 South Extension. Appendix B, Table B-2 lists individual facilities.

Table 2-1 Other Transportation Facilities		
Facility	Existing	Proposed
Commuter Rail Lines	2	1
Commuter Rail Stations	5	1
Commuter Bus	14	1
Park and Ride Areas	5	2
Freight Rail	4	0
Waterways	1	0
Airports	3	0

2.2.3 Traffic Projection

Traffic data for existing conditions (1995) is presented in Exhibit 2-6. The existing (1995) Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volumes were obtained from IDOT traffic data maps for Will County (1995), Cook County (1994) and DuPage County (1997). ADTs taken from 1994 maps were still considered valid, while data from 1997 maps were pro-rated for 1995. Additional data were supplemented by the 1995 *Travel Atlas* prepared by the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS), 1998. Supplemental manual and machine traffic counts were taken in 1999. Traffic projections for each proposed Alternative are presented in Chapter 3 of this document. The Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) developed two separate future land use forecasts: a No-Action scenario